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LONDON PLEASE PASS ONR

1. UNIVAC DIV OF SPERRY RAND HAS INDICATED THAT GERMAN
STEERING MEMBER INTERPRETATION OF PARA 1 REF (B) IS IN-
HIBITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALE AND LICENSING OF UNIVAC
MPC 1616 TO GERMANY. GERMANY HAS INDICATED STRONG INTER-
EST IN THIS FAMILY OF COMPUTERS FOR A BROAD RANGE OF DE-
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FENSE APPLICATIONS AND SOME INVOLVE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH THE NETHERLANDS. STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, IF REQUESTED, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A LICENSING ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD PERMIT MANUFACTURE IN GERMANY, AND, IF APPROVED, RESALE TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES WOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

2. REGARDING PARA 2(D) OF REFERENCE (C) DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSED ACTION OF THE NMPA MODERNIZATION SUB- COMMITTEE (MSC). THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF NATO ARMAMENTS CO- OPERATION AS SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT C- M(66)33 (2 ND REVISE) IS THAT ALL COUNTRIES ARE FREE AND WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE VARIOUS COOPERATIVE GROUPS IN A FREE AND FLEXIBLE MANNER. THIS PRINCIPLE IS BEING FOLLOWED IN ALL THE CURRENT ARMAMENT GROUPS, SUBGROUPS, PANELS, STEERING COMMITTEES, ETC., UNDER THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD). IN MANY CASES COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN GROUPS WHERE THEIR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP INFORMED ON TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENTS. THE US HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE NMPA SINCE INCEPTION, INCLUDING A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND MUCH TECHNICAL AND PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE. TO PERMIT EXCLUSION OF THE US FROM FULL OBSERVER STATUS ON THE MSC WOULD ESTABLISH A BAD PRECEDENT THAT COUNTRIES CAN BE BANNED FROM ARMAMENTS COOPERATION GROUPS. THE MSC SHOULD BE ASKED TO RECONSIDER THEIR ACTION ON THE PREMISE THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO CNAD (C- M-(66)33) PRINCIPLES. IF THEY STILL PERSIST, PLEASE ADVISE. ROGERS

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